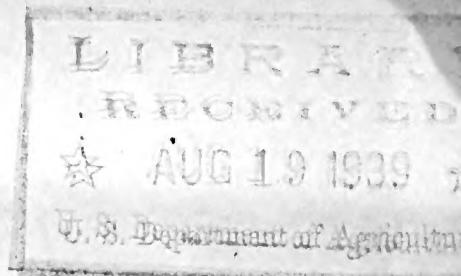


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TERMS OF BUSINESS

Remittance in full must accompany orders, since we cannot ship perishable bulbs C.O.D. Stamps accepted for \$1.00 or under.

Postage. We prepay postage on all orders over \$2.00. If order is less, please add 25¢ extra for postage and packing.

Substitutions. We do not substitute without permission. Please order early.

Quantities. Not less than 6 of a variety at the 12 rate. Less than that number priced at one tenth the dozen price per each.

Sales Tax. CALIFORNIA CUSTOMERS WILL KINDLY ADD 3% of the value of their orders TO COVER THE RETAIL SALES TAX.

Delivery Dates. We acknowledge all orders on receipt, and will inform you then of approximate shipping date. Shipping calendar in back. Unless otherwise requested, we shall ship between indicated dates.

Guarantee. We give no warranty, express or implied, as to description, quality, productiveness, or any other matter of any bulbs or plants we sell and we will not be responsible in any way for the crop. Any complaints, however, will be met in a spirit of fairness, for we desire your complete satisfaction.

NOVELTIES AND SPECIALTIES

Cyrtanthus lutescens. Amaryllis family. Ht. 15" \$2.50 per 12

Ifafa Lily. The plant bears numerous bright yellow tubular flowers, exotic-looking and sweetly scented. Likes sunny and moist but well-drained site. Nearly evergreen, hardy in California. Wonderful for pot culture. Long blooming. South Africa.

Gladiolus tristis hybrids. Iris family. Ht. 24" \$1.75 per 12

Creamy-white flowers, night scented of carnation. Segments more pointed and flowers more open than those of usual hybrids. Early spring blooming. Needs summer drought. South Africa.

Hermodactylus tuberosus. Iris family. Ht. 12-18" 75¢ each

Snakes-head Iris. Also called Hermes' finger, from shape of tubers. Wonderfully lovely little Iris from Palestine. The standards are soft apple-green, the falls rich deep purple, black in effect. The flower has a gracious scent, a cross between that of ripe apples and summer roses. Blooms early in February. Easy to grow, needing only sun, lime in soil, and a summer drying. A most striking plant for any use. A real beauty.

IRIS Iris family.

Iris atrofusca. Onco-cyclus section. Ht. 18-24" \$1.50 each.

This is one of the grand Onco-cyclus Iris. The large

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NOVELTIES AND PERMANENTS

Cyananthus leucocoma. Amaryllidaceae. This is a
lily-like plant. The plant bears numerous bell-shaped
flowers, exotic-looking and sweetly scented. It is
and moist but well-drained soil. It is very easy to grow
in California. Wonderful for pot culture. South Africa.

Glabellus trassia hybridus. Iris family. This is a
greenish-white flowers, with pointed petals. It is
more pointed and flowers more open than those of the
Early spring blooming. Needs winter protection. South Africa.

Hemodactylus tuberosus. Iris family. This is a
Snake-head Iris. Also called Hemodactylus. It is a
tuber. Wonderfully lovely little Iris from California. The
standards are soft apple-green, the falls are deep purple,
black in effect. The flower has a curious shape, a cross
between that of ripe apples and summer roses. It is a
in February. Easy to grow, needing only dry, light soil,
and a summer drying. A most striking plant for the garden.
A real beauty.

Iris atrocyclus. Iris family. This is one of the grand Onco-cyclus Iris. The large
\$1.50 each. Ht. 18-22"

orbicular stand and the smaller incurved falls are both of glowing garnet brown, shot and veined with gold. The flowers are singularly crisp and definite in texture, and the effect from a distance is that of deep brown taffeta. Palestine. Must have full sun, very sharp drainage, and lime in the soil. Requires complete summer drought. Do not cultivate.

Iris Innominata. Apogon section. Ht. 10" 50¢ each

An Oregon native. Pleasantly ruffled flowers in tones of yellow, ranging from cream to the deepest golden orange, with darker veins. Lovely for cutting. Light shade and lime-free soil.

Iris Lortetii. Onco-cyclus section. Ht. 12-14" \$3.50 each

Called by Mr. Dykes "one of the most beautiful of all Irises" with "weird and wonderful flowers". The blossoms are large, with huge creamy-white standards veined red-purple, and smaller incurved falls with a large bright plum blotch. The color is reminiscent of whipped cream and luscious crushed raspberries--a rich subtle beauty. From the Southern slopes of Lebanon. Plant in full sun, with sharp drainage in well-limed soil. Absolute summer drought. Do not cultivate.

Iris Onco-Cyclus hybrids. Ht. 10-24" \$1.50 each

We are offering, in mixture only, rhizomes from a choice and extensive collection of these hybrids. It includes such varieties as Luna, Artemis, Jocaste, Persephone, Jupiter, and very many others. It would be difficult to find odder or lovelier flowers than those of these hybrids. Some are intricately veined, some richly glowing selfs, some have vividly contrasting beards, and the color range is from palest cream to deep glorious wine-red. Even the shapes of the flowers are unusual. If more than one is ordered, we shall take care to include no duplicates. Culture like that of *Iris Lortetii*, above, but these hybrids will stand some water during the summer.

Iris tenax. Apogon section. Ht. 12-15" 25¢ each

Perhaps the best of the Californian Irises. The color ranges from light pearl grey to a deep and satisfying wine violet. A bouquet of these blooms, varied in color but alike in shape, is completely delightful. One of our favorites. Light shade and lime-free soil. Assorted colors.

Iris Vartani. Reticulata section. Ht. 4-6" 75¢ each

A darling little bulbous Iris from Palestine. Blooming bravely in mid-January or earlier, its large soft-blue flowers, veined white with a touch of gold, seem to promise

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Iris Lorelei. Onco-cyclas section. Ht. 12-14" \$3.50 each

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Iris Onco-Cyclas hybrida. Ht. 10-24" \$1.50 each

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Iris Vertant. Reticulata section. Ht. 4-6" 75¢ each

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that winter will soon be over. Violet scented. Exceedingly rare. Hardy in most of California. Sun, and lime in the soil. Appreciates a little bone meal, and is easy to grow. Lovely in a sunny spot in the rockery.

IXIA. Iris family.

Ixia Azurea. Ht. 12" \$1.00 per 12

Beautiful clear blue flowers with a purple center appear in a long raceme in June. New and rare. Appears to be hardy.

Ixia Viridiflora. Ht. 15" \$3.00 per 12

The rarest of all Ixias, and the oddest. Light green flowers with a blue-black center open in June. This is a very famous species, rare even in nature. A surprising and beautiful flower which requires a sunny situation. South Africa. Ixias want a lime-free soil and a sunny spot. Summer drought.

MUSCARI. Lily family.

Muscari armoniacum. Ht. 6" 75¢ per 12

Intensely blue bells cluster thickly on stout stems in early spring and for a long time after. Each bulb throws several flower spikes, richly scented. A patch of those looks like the bright spring sky come down to earth. Hardy. Armenia.

Muscari plumosum. Ht. 6" 75¢ per 12.

An amusing feather-duster of a flower that at the same time is handsome and attractive. Bears masses of fluffy pinkish-purple blooms in May of an improbable form. Hardy, most interesting. Mediterranean regions. Muscari are very easy to grow.

Sternbergia lutea. Amaryllis family. Ht. 6-9" \$1.50 per 12

This is the famous "Lily of the Fields" mentioned in the Bible. The clear golden-yellow flowers, crocus-like but larger, appear in October. Does not bloom freely until established, when it is very liberal. Likes a sunny spot. Palestine.

DIANTHUS. Carnation family.

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Muscari pinnatum. Ht. 6" 75¢ per 12

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 bloom in May of an impenetrable form. Hardy, east Mediterranean.
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Stemorrhiza lutea. Anemone family. Ht. 6-8" \$1.50 per 12

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flowers, with their wide range of color and delicious scent, are loved everywhere. Require a sunny spot, good drainage, and lime in the soil. Be sure to plant shallowly and firmly.

Carol Lavin. Ht. 12-18" 20¢ each

Medium sized double of richest rose-purple. Unusually clear color. Free bloomer, rich clove scent.

Constancy. Ht. 10-14" 15¢ each

Very pale salmon single of free habit. If not disbudded, is lovely for cutting in sprays and arranging with other flowers.

Folie. Ht. 12-18" 20¢ each

Full double carnation, petals white, edges penciled with rose pink. Has a refined and rich appearance. Lasts a long time cut, and is deeply scented with the true carnation scent. Excellent.

John Steinbeck. Ht. 12-18" 20¢ each

Another lovely large double. The particular glory of this variety is its wonderful color, a glowing coral pink, vivid and deep. Color best when cut in bud and opened indoors. Grand cut and arranged with Folie, above.

Loki Ht. 12-18" 15¢ each

Named for the Norse god of flame. Large single dianthus of very robust and free growth. Vivid cherry red, streaked deep red, effect like flickering fire. Foliage deep blue-green, setting flowers off to perfection.

Orange Flame. Ht. 12-18" 20¢ each

Medium sized single of a glorious orange red. Color truly remarkable. Not much scent.

Red Beacon. Ht. 12-18" 20¢ each

Large single dianthus of perfect form. Color richest purest red, velvety and deep. Grand.

Salmon Fish Ht. 12-18" 20¢ each

Another beautiful single. This is a favorite with all who see it. Color rich soft salmon pink, fading as flower ages. Excellent form, free flowering.

Taffety. Ht. 10-16" 15¢ each

Large single of most unusual coloring. Opens clear pink, overlaid soft mauve, and ages to an ashes-of-roses tint.

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are loved ever more. The
and like in the soil. The

Carol Levin, Ht. 12-12

Medium sized double of pinkish
color. Free bloomer, the

Constance, Ht. 10-12

Very pale salmon single of
lovely for color and form

Volia, Ht. 12-12

Full double corolla, petals
pink. Has a velvety and
out, and is really superb

John Stebbins, Ht. 12-12

Another lovely large double
variety in the family. It
and has a very good form

Ida, Ht. 12-12

Medium sized double of
very pale pink. It is
red, velvety and deep

Opaline, Ht. 12-12

Medium sized double of
remains pale, but

Red Baron, Ht. 12-12

Large single double of
red, velvety and deep

Salmon Star, Ht. 12-12

Another beautiful variety
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Excellent form, free blooming

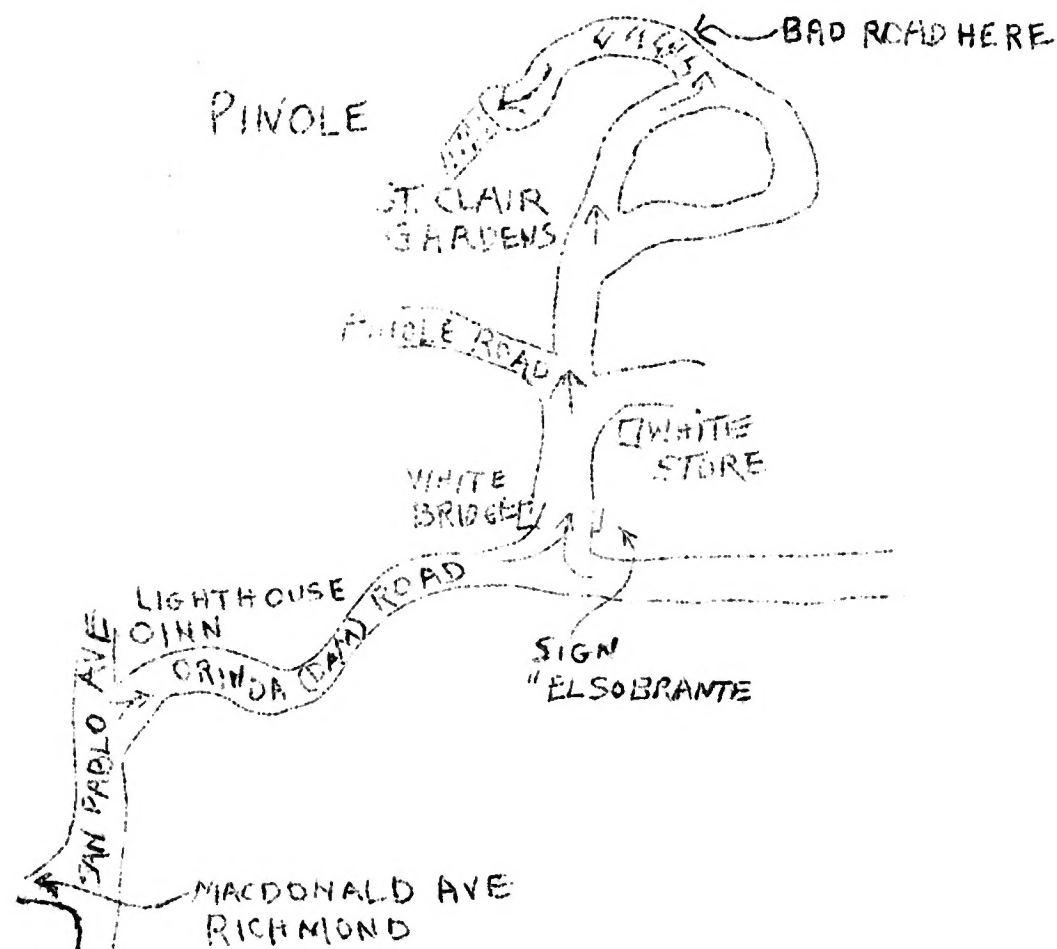
Taffety, Ht. 10-12

Large single of deep
overlaid soft wave, and

General effect that of shot-silk taffeta.

One each of above varieties for \$1.50.

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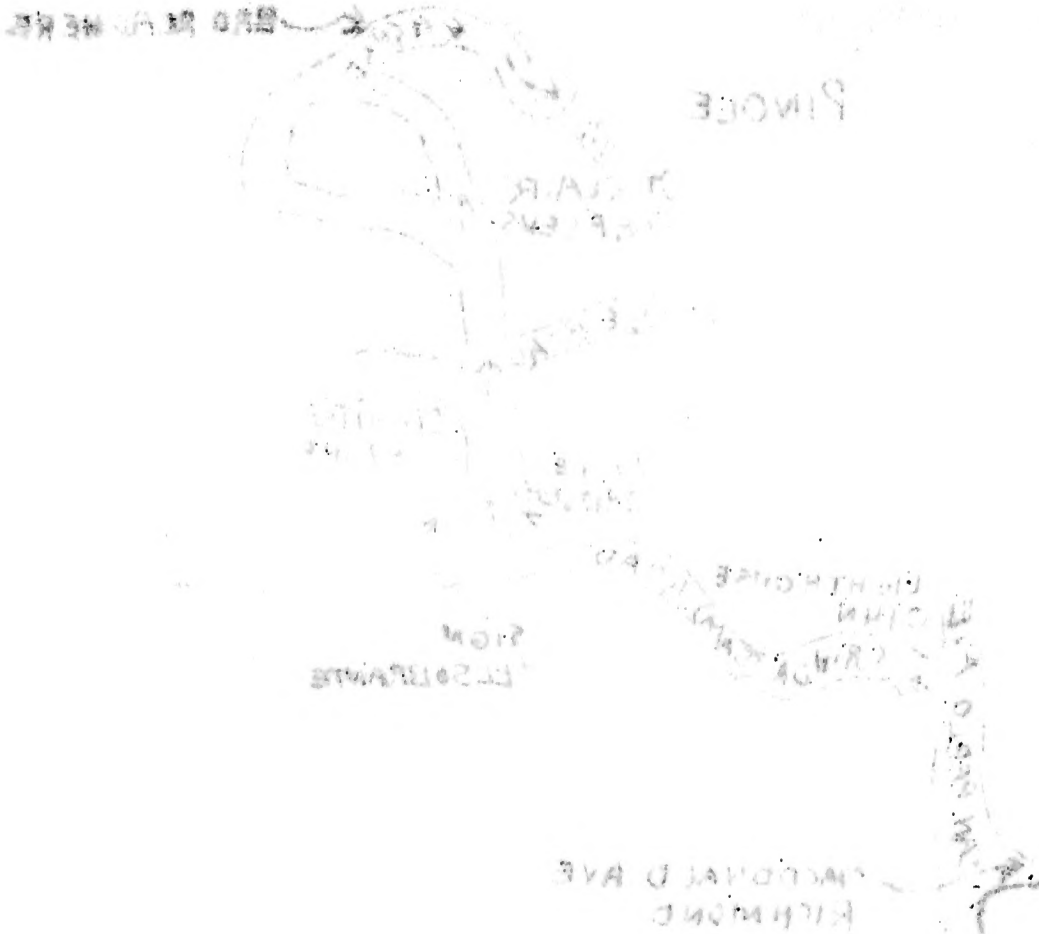
SHIPPING CALENDAR

<i>Cyrtanthus lutescens</i>	April to November
<i>Dianthus</i>	All year; best April to June
<i>Hermodactylus tuberosus</i>	August to October
<i>Iris atrofusca</i>	September and October
<i>Iris inominata</i>	March to June
<i>Iris Lortetii</i>	September and October
<i>Iris Onco-cyclus</i> hybrids	September and October
<i>Iris tenax</i>	March to June
<i>Iris Vartani</i>	August to October
<i>Ixia species</i>	August to November
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Muscari species	August to December
Lila species	August to November
Lila Varian	August to October
Lila tenax	August to June
Lila Onocleus hybrids	September and October
Lila fortis	September and October
Lila inornata	March to June
Lila atrolinea	September and October
Hermobesylus ruber	August to October
Plantus	All year; best April to June
Cyrtanthus luteus	April to November